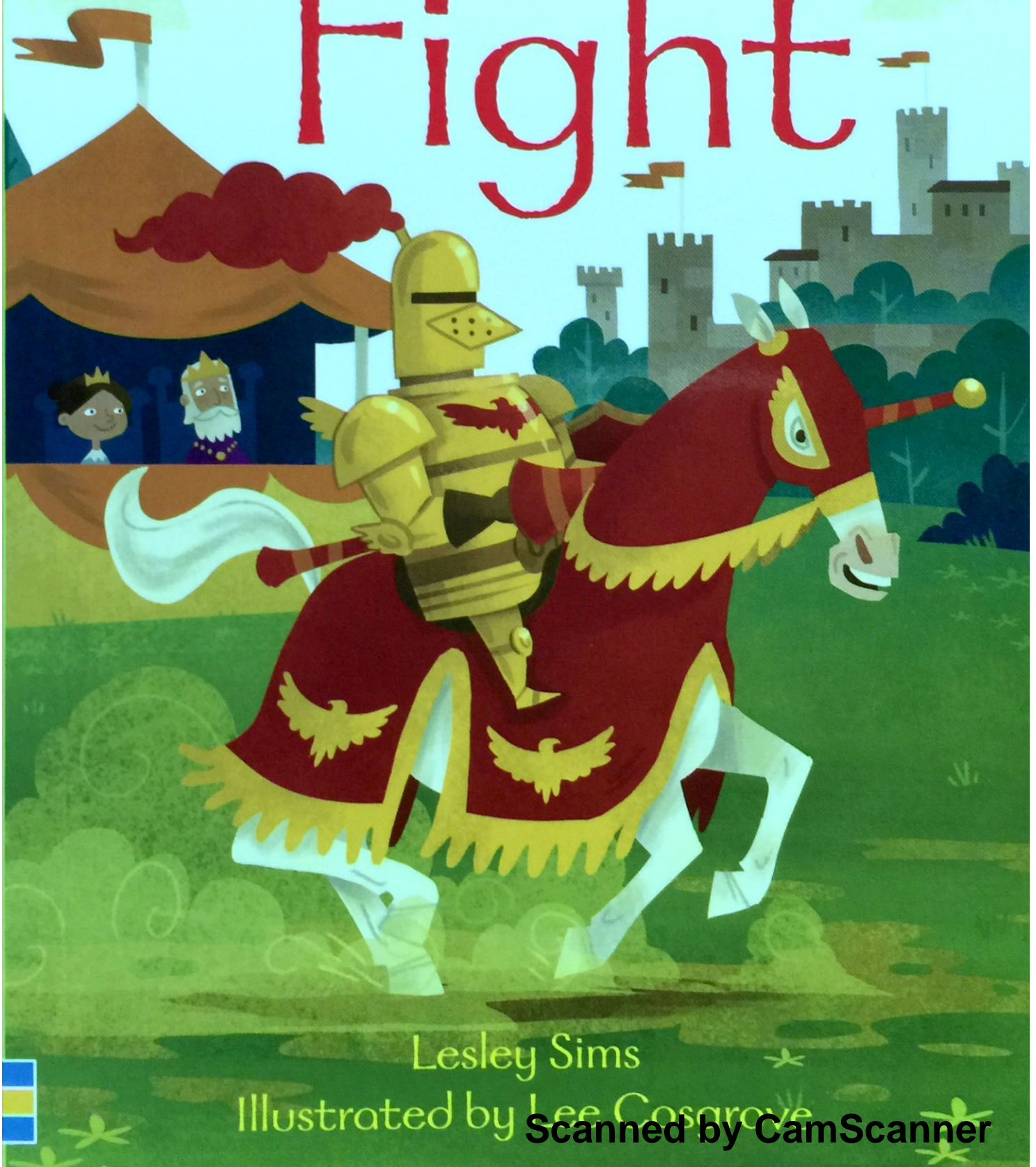


USBORNE VERY FIRST READING: BOOK 14



Knight Fight



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How this book works

The story of **Knight Fight** has been written for your child to read with your help. Encourage your child to read as much as they can, helping to sound out the words and explaining any meanings if they get stuck.



There are puzzles after the story, and for these you may need to read the instructions to your child.

You can find out more about helping your child with this book, and with reading in general, on pages 30–31.



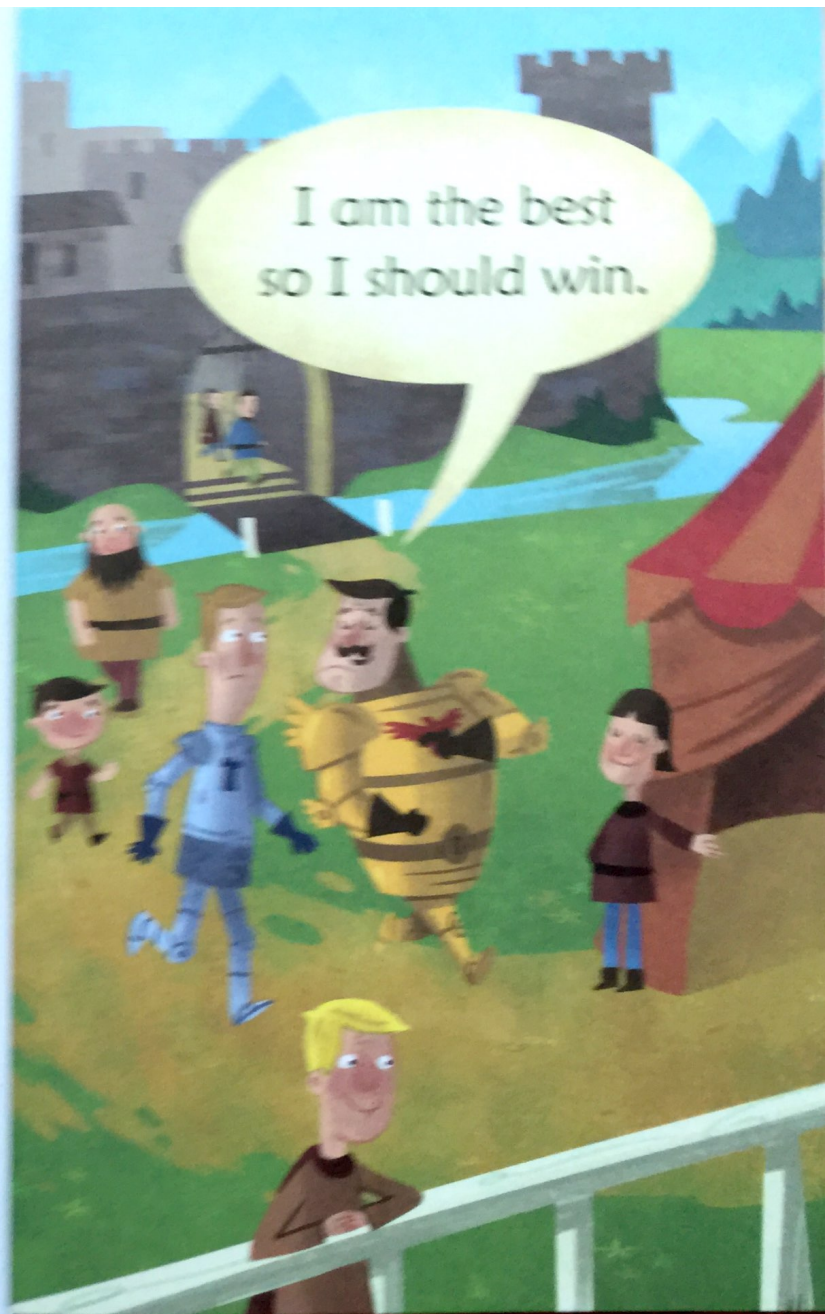
Knight Fight

Turn the page to start the story.

A sign is on
the castle wall.



The gold knight reads it
with a grin.





The gold knight thunders
down the track.



He's like
a rhino
on attack.

His lance gets stuck.



His horse just stops.

The gold knight soars
and belly-flops.





"Ow! Ow!" he moans.
"I ache. I hurt."

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"I grazed my palm,
I bashed my thumb."



"My wrists are sore,
my toes are numb."

A solemn hush...
then he stands up.



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The silver knight
deserves the cup!



The knights shake hands.
The people cheer.



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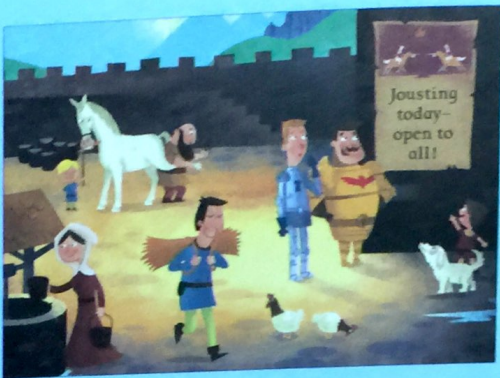
The gold knight says,
"See you next year!"



Puzzle 1

Look at the pictures, read the sentences, then say whether they are true or false.

1.



There is a sign about a feast.

2.



The gold knight grins.

3.



The gold knight is hurt.

4.



The knights rub noses.

Puzzle 2

Choose the right word for each sentence.



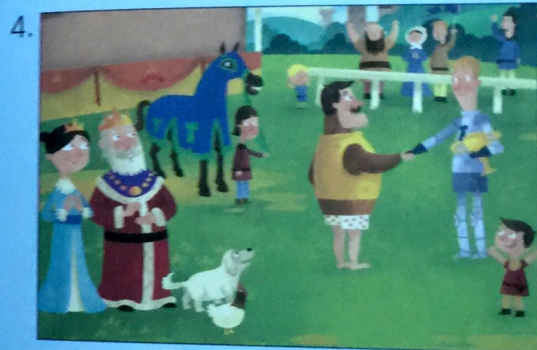
The silver knight signs signs.



The gold knife knight soars.



"My wrists are sore sure."



"The shiver silver knight deserves the cup."

Puzzle 3

These pairs of words share a letter that you don't hear when you say the words. Can you find the 'silent' letter in each pair?

palm

half

wrist

wriggle

numb

thumb

knight

knee

rhino

rhyme

Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False

Puzzle 2

1. The silver knight sighs.
2. The gold knight soars.
3. "My wrists are sore."
4. "The silver knight deserves the cup."

Puzzle 3

palm	half	l
wrist	wriggle	w
numb	thumb	b
knight	knee	k
rhino	rhyme	h

Guidance notes

Usborne Very First Reading is a series of books, specially developed for children who are learning to read. **Knight Fight** is the fourteenth book in the series, and by this stage your child should be able to read the story alone, with occasional help from you.

The story of **Knight Fight** introduces the “silent consonants” in combinations of letters such as:

ch as in ache	gn as in sign	kn as in knight	lm as in palm
mb as in numb	mn as in solemn	rh as in rhino	wr as in wrist

These can be tricky to read, and even more to spell.

You'll find lots more information about the structure of the series, advice on helping your child with reading, extra practice activities and games on the Very First Reading website,* www.usborne.com/veryfirstreading

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
Some questions and answers

- **Why do I need to read with my child?**
Sharing stories makes reading an enjoyable and fun activity for children. It also helps them to develop confidence and stamina. Even if you are not taking an active part in reading, your listening and support are very important.
- **When is a good time to read?**
Choose a time when you are both relaxed, but not too tired, and there are no distractions. Only read for as long as your child wants to – you can always try again another day.
- **What if my child gets stuck?**
Don't simply read the problem word yourself, but prompt your child and try to find the right answer together. Similarly, if your child makes a mistake, go back and look at the word together. Don't forget to give plenty of praise and encouragement.
- **We've finished, now what do we do?**
It's a good idea to read the story several times to give your child more practice and more confidence. Then, when your child is ready, you can go on to the final book in the series, **Mr. Mystery**.

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Designed for an adult and child to read together, the series combines lively rhyming stories with inspiring illustrations in order to build the skills and confidence that will encourage a lifelong enjoyment of reading.

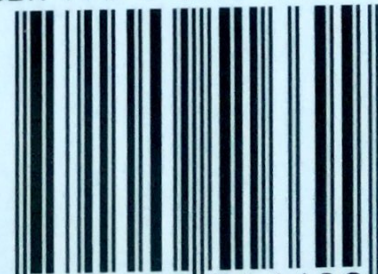


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